

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for retrieving data, comprising:
selecting one of a plurality of user input, stored electronic records
search requests from a queued search database to execute next based upon one or more
selection criteria;
executing the selected electronic records search request and retrieving
at least one electronic record from at least one storage location during the executing;
parsing the electronic records to convert one or more raw data sets into
user-selectable objects; and
causing the user-selectable objects to be displayed.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising
selecting at least one of the user-selectable objects to retrieve the raw data set associated with
the selected object.
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the raw data
sets comprise court case items or documents associated with a court case docket sheet.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic records
comprise results of an executed electronic court case records search request, at least one
criterion used in formulating the electronic court case records search request and data related
to at least one electronic court database associated with the electronic court case records
search request.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing
further comprises extracting the at least one raw data set from the retrieved electronic
records.
6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing is implemented
by at least one data processing algorithm based substantially on artificial intelligence.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises:

determining at least one data parsing algorithm that should be used for parsing the retrieved electronic records based upon a content of the retrieved electronic records; and

executing the parsing using the at least one determined data parsing algorithm.

8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the parsing further comprises filtering, sorting or analyzing the retrieved electronic records for data consistency.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining if at least one of a plurality of electronic records databases associated with each electronic records search request is accessible through a first or a second communication medium; and

accessing the at least one electronic records database through the first or the second communication medium based on the determination.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the plurality of electronic records databases comprises at least one first electronic court database accessible through the first communication medium and at least one second electronic court database accessible through the second communication medium.

11. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the first communication medium comprises a telephone dial-up modem connection and the second communication medium comprises an Internet connection.

12. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the electronic records search requests comprise court case docket sheet search requests.

13. (currently amended) A system for retrieving data, comprising:
at least one station operatively connected to at least one storage location; and

at least one processor operatively connected to the at least one station and the at least one storage location, the at least one processor executing a program of instructions for selecting one of a plurality of user input, stored electronic records search requests from a queued search database to execute next based upon one or more selection criteria, executing the selected electronic records search request and retrieving at least one electronic record from the at least one storage location during the executing, parsing the electronic records to convert one or more raw data sets into user-selectable objects, and causing the user-selectable objects to be displayed.

14. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 wherein at least one interface enables users to select at least one of the user-selectable objects to retrieve the raw data set associated with the selected object.

15. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the raw data sets comprise court case items or documents associated with a court case docket sheet.

16. (original) The system of claim 13 wherein the electronic records comprise results of an executed electronic court case records search request, at least one criterion used in formulating the electronic court case records search request and data related to at least one electronic court case records database associated with the electronic court case records search request.

17. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing further comprises extracting the at least one raw data set from the retrieved electronic records.

18. (original) The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least one data processing algorithm based substantially on artificial intelligence.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing further comprises:

determining at least one data parsing algorithm that should be used for parsing the retrieved electronic records based upon a content of the retrieved electronic records; and

executing the parsing using the at least one determined data parsing algorithm.

20. (original) The system of claim 13 wherein the parsing further comprises filtering, sorting or analyzing the retrieved electronic records for data consistency.

21. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 further comprising:
a first communication medium operatively connected to the at least one station by at least one communication device;

a second communication medium operatively connected to the at least one station, the second communication medium conveying the electronic records search requests to the at least one station; and

at least one machine readable program storage device tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the at least one processor for determining if at least one of a plurality of electronic records databases associated with each electronic records search request is accessible through the first or the second communication medium, and accessing the at least one electronic records database through the first or the second communication medium based on the determination.

22. (original) The system of claim 21 wherein the plurality of electronic records databases comprises at least one first electronic court database accessible through the first communication medium and at least one second electronic court database accessible through the second communication medium.

23. (original) The system of claim 21 wherein the first communication medium comprises a telephone dial-up modem connection and the second communication medium comprises an Internet connection.

24. (original) The system of claim 21 wherein the electronic records search requests comprise court case docket sheet search requests.

25. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for accessing electronic records obtained from at least one electronic records database search, the method enabling users to select for retrieval at least one raw data set related to the electronic records, the device comprising:

selecting one of a plurality of user input, stored electronic records search requests from a queued search database to execute next based upon one or more selection criteria;

executing the selected electronic records search request and retrieving at least one electronic record from at least one storage location during the executing;

retrieving at least one electronic record from at least one storage location;

parsing the electronic records to convert one or more raw data sets into user-selectable objects; and

causing the user-selectable objects to be displayed.

26. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 further comprising providing at least one interface enabling users to select at least one of the user-selectable objects to retrieve the raw data set associated with the selected object.

27. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 wherein the raw data sets comprise court case items or documents associated with a court case docket sheet.

28. (original) The device of claim 25 wherein the electronic records comprise results of an executed electronic court case records search request, at least one criterion used in formulating the electronic court case records search request and data related to at least one electronic court database associated with the electronic court case records search request.

29. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing further comprises extracting the at least one raw data set from the retrieved electronic records.

30. (original) The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing is implemented by at least one data processing algorithm based substantially on artificial intelligence.

31. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing further comprises:

determining at least one data parsing algorithm that should be used for parsing the retrieved electronic records based upon a content of the retrieved electronic records; and

executing the parsing using the at least one determined data parsing algorithm.

32. (original) The device of claim 25 wherein the parsing further comprises filtering, sorting or analyzing the retrieved electronic records for data consistency.

33. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 further comprising:
determining if at least one of a plurality of electronic records databases associated with each electronic records search request is accessible through a first or a second communication medium; and

accessing the at least one electronic records database through the first or the second communication medium based on the determination.

34. (original) The device of claim 33 wherein the plurality of electronic records databases comprises at least one first electronic court database accessible through the first communication medium and at least one second electronic court database accessible through the second communication medium.

35. (original) The device of claim 33 wherein the first communication medium comprises a telephone dial-up modem connection and the second communication medium comprises an Internet connection.

36. (original) The device of claim 33 wherein the electronic records search requests comprise court case docket sheet search requests.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the selecting one of the plurality of electronic records search requests to execute next based upon the one or more selection criteria further comprises examining search data associated with each of the electronic records search requests and evaluating the search data using the one or more selection criteria.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the one or more selection criteria comprise how many times an examined electronic records search request has failed, an age of the examined electronic records search request, how busy one or more databases associated with the search data are, how many phone lines are available to access the one or more databases associated with the search data, a status of the examined electronic records search request, how many attempts have been made to execute the examined electronic records search request, when the examined electronic records search request was last updated, and when any activity associated with the examined electronic records search request last took place.

39. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the at least one processor selecting one of the plurality of electronic records search requests to execute next based upon the one or more selection criteria further comprises the processor examining search data associated with each of the electronic records search requests and evaluating the search data using the one or more selection criteria.

40. (previously presented) The system of claim 39 wherein the one or more selection criteria comprise how many times an examined electronic records search request has failed, an age of the examined electronic records search request, how busy one or more databases associated with the search data are, how many phone lines are available to access the one or more databases associated with the search data, a status of the examined electronic records search request, how many attempts have been made to execute the examined electronic records search request, when the examined electronic records search request was last updated, and when any activity associated with the examined electronic records search request last took place.

41. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 wherein the selecting one of the plurality of electronic records search requests to execute next based upon the one or more selection criteria further comprises examining search data associated with each of the electronic records search requests and evaluating the search data using the one or more selection criteria.

42. (previously presented) The device of claim 41 wherein the one or more selection criteria comprise how many times an examined electronic records search request has failed, an age of the examined electronic records search request, how busy one or more databases associated with the search data are, how many phone lines are available to access the one or more databases associated with the search data, a status of the examined electronic records search request, how many attempts have been made to execute the examined electronic records search request, when the examined electronic records search request was last updated, and when any activity associated with the examined electronic records search request last took place.

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein one or more of the stored search requests are stored in a search database when the search request cannot be executed at the time the search request is made.

44. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 wherein one or more of the stored search requests are stored in a search database when the search request cannot be executed at the time the search request is made.

45. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 wherein one or more of the stored search requests are stored in a search database when the search request cannot be executed at the time the search request is made.

46. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising retrieving one or more hard-copy documents associated with a selected user-selectable object.

47. (previously presented) The system of claim 13 further comprising a document retrieval system that retrieves one or more hard-copy documents associated with a selected user-selectable object.

48. (previously presented) The device of claim 25 retrieving one or more hard-copy documents associated with a selected user-selectable object.

49. (currently amended) A method for determining which of a plurality of queued search requests to implement, the method comprising:

evaluating one or more user input, electronic records search requests using one or more search selection criteria;

selecting one of the user input, electronic records search requests to execute next based upon the evaluation; and

executing the selected search.

50. (previously presented) The method of claim 49 wherein the one or more search selection criteria comprises at least one of how many times an examined electronic records search request has failed, an age of the examined electronic records search request, how busy one or more databases associated with the search data are, how many phone lines are available to access the one or more databases associated with the search data, a status of the examined electronic records search request, how many attempts have been made to execute the examined electronic records search request, when the examined electronic records search request was last updated, and when any activity associated with the examined electronic records search request last took place.

51. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for determining which of a plurality of queued search requests to implement, the device comprising:

evaluating one or more user input, electronic records search requests using one or more search selection criteria;

selecting one of the user input, electronic records search requests to execute next based upon the evaluation; and

executing the selected search.

52. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ device of claim 51 wherein the one or more search selection criteria comprises at least one of how many times an examined electronic records search request has failed, an age of the examined electronic records search request, how busy one or more databases associated with the search data are, how many phone lines are available to access the one or more databases associated with the search data, a status of the examined electronic records search request, how many attempts have been made to execute the examined electronic records search request, when the examined electronic records search request was last updated, and when any activity associated with the examined electronic records search request last took place.

53. (currently amended) A system for determining which of a plurality of queued search requests to implement, the system comprising:

a search evaluation system that evaluates one or more user input, electronic records search requests using one or more search selection criteria;

a search selection system that selects one of the user input, electronic records search requests to execute next based upon the evaluation; and

a search execution system that executes the selected search.

54. (previously presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the one or more search selection criteria comprises at least one of how many times an examined electronic records search request has failed, an age of the examined electronic records search request, how busy one or more databases associated with the search data are, how many phone lines are available to access the one or more databases associated with the search data, a status of the examined electronic records search request, how many attempts have been made to execute the examined electronic records search request, when the examined electronic records search request was last updated, and when any activity associated with the examined electronic records search request last took place.